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SUBJECT: OPENING SESSION, WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL COOPERA-
TION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REFERENCE: A) USUN 02118

B) USUN A-851

1. SUBJECT GROUP ORGANIZED ON SCHEDULE JULY 16 FOLLOW-
ING OFFICERS ELECTED: DIALLO, UPPER VOLTA, CHAIRMAN;
SANTHI, INDIA, FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN; RAU OF FRG SECOND
VICE CHAIRMAN; AND FLEMING, ARGENTINA, RAPPORTEUR.

2. ALL 13 WG MEMBERS PRESENT PER ATTACHMENT REF B WITH
FRG ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBER. HOWEVER U.S.
DEL LEARNED FROM ALBERTAL OF UNDP WHO IS SERVING AS SECRETARY
OF WG THAT FORMAL OFFER BE SECOND DC MEMBER
WG TURNED DOWN BY CANADA, UK, SWEDEN, JAPAN AND HOLLAND.
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SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, OTHER FIRST DAY OBSERVERS INCLUDED

REPRESENTATIVES OF ELEVEN ADDITIONAL LDC'S PLUS JUNIOR MEMBERS OF PERM DELS OF USSR, SWITZERLAND, UK, NETHERLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND. FRANCE, SWEDEN, OTHER NORDICS, ITALY AND CANADA WERE ALL NOTICEABLY ABSENT.

3. IN ADDITION TO "NOTE BY SECRETARIAT" OF JUNE 14 (ATTACHMENT REFAIRGRAM), SHORT WORKING PAPERS SUBMITTED TO DATE TO WG BY WFP AND BY SECRETARIATS OF UNCTAD AND UNICEF. EDWARDS HAND CARRYING COPIES THESE WORKING PAPERS TO DEPARTMENT AND AID/W 17 JULY.

4. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL SPEAKING FROM ROUGH NOTES MADE OPENING REMARKS EMPHASIZING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF LDC'S THEMSELVES FOR WORKING GROUP. HOWEVER, UNDP AND HE PERSONALLY CONVINCED CONCEPT BEHIND WG OF CLOSER, MORE SUBSTANTIVE COOPERATION AMONG THE LDC'S VITALLY IMPORTANT AND UNDP PLEASED MAKE ITS STAFF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST AS CALLED UPON AND INVITED SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR UNDP ACTION IN THIS AREA. PATEL SAID WG WAS AN EXCELLENT EXPRESSION OF STEADILY GROWING ATTEMPTS BY LDC'S TO HELP ONE ANOTHER, AND BY SO DOING FURTHER DEEPEN THE INDISPENSIBLE-FOR-DEVELOPMENT SELF-HELP AND SELF-RELIANCE CURRENTS OF LDC'S. SAID HE BELIEVED RELUCTANCE OF DC'S TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN WG THAT HE HAD SENSED OVER PAST FEW MONTHS WAS TIED TO THEIR FEAR IT WOULD BECOME ONLY ANOTHER PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO CRITICIZE DC AID ETC., EFFORTS. PATEL ACKNOWLEDGED COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S SUCH AS EMPHASIZING USE OF EXPERTS FROM THE LDC'S THEMSELVES, REPRESENTED POTENTIAL FOR MORE ECONOMICAL AND RELEVANT TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HOWEVER, TO GET AT HEART O MATTER LDC'S NEEDED LOOK BEYOND QUESTION OF EXPERTS TO WHAT HE VIEWED AS THE TWO PILARS OF TECHNICAL SELF-RELIANCE, NAMELY, RESEARCH AND TRAINING. THEY ARE "THE MACHINES THAT CAN MASS PRODUCE HIGH LEVEL HUMAN MACHINES." FINDING THE VARIOUS NATIONAL, SU-REGIONAL, ETC., INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR ECONOMICALLY FOSTERING BETTER AND MORE RELEVANT RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTERS WAS IN HIS OPINION THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM.

5. FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS: ONLY TWO MEMBERS OF WORKING UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP SPOKE FIRST DAY GENERAL DEBATE: INDIA, BRAZIL; PLUS REMARKS BY FOUR OBSERVER-SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (FAO, UNIDO, UNICEF, AND IMCO). INDIA INITIATED DEBATE, STATING STRONG DESIRE FOR MORE INVOLVEMENT BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WORKING GROUP AND PROGRAM, RESOURCES INTO PROGRAM SHOULD BE ADDITIVE AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OTHER BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL (INCLUDING UNDP) INPUTS: HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS NOT VISUALIZED.

BASIC INHIBITING PROBLEM WAS HUGE COMMUNICATIONS GAP BOTH IN TERMS OF (A) INADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE ON INTER-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INADEQUATE INFORMATION FLOWS BETWEEN LDC'S AS WELL AS (B) ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS RE RELUCTANCE BY MANY LDC'S TO USE ONE ANOTHER'S EXPERTS AND OTHER INPUTS PREFERRING LOOK TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. INDIAN DEL RECOMMENDED 1) GRADUAL CAUTIOUS APPROACH; 2) EXPERTS BEST PLACE TO START WITH PLANNING TECHNIQUES, PROJECT DESIGN, RESEARCH COLLABORATION, TRANSFER OF S&T, TECHNOLOGY AND PATENTS AS GOOD FOLLOW-ON CANDIDATES; 3) AN INVENTORY OF WHAT LDC'S NOW DOING AS AN INDISPENSIBLE FIRST STEP. BRAZIL DEL (COUTU) REINFORCED THESE THEMES, WITH EMPHASIS DISAPPOINTMENT SO FEW DC SENT REPS AT MEETING; NEED FOR GLOBAL APPROACH AND FOR IMPROVED UNDP PROCEDURES; AND MACHINERY FOR PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S, COMMENCING WITH INVENTORY OF EXPERIENCES AND TRENDS. BRAZILIAN DEL READ LONG LIST OF BRAZILIAN INSTITUTIONS WILLING TO TAKE FELLOWSHIP STUDENTS, UPGRADE EXPERTS AND SEND BRAZILIAN EXPERTS OTHER LDC'S FOR SHORT PERIODS. SAID VIEWED THIS ENDEAVOR AS ADDITIONAL FORM COOPERATION NOT REPLACEMENT FOR OR IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER AID. BRAZIL SAID DEFINATELY DID NOT SEE ITSELF AS AN INTER EDIARY OR A THIRD FORCE. WOULD WANT AND NEED SOME FORMS OF AID FOR MANY YEARS. INNOVATIVE USES OF ADDITIVE NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES RAISED: BRAZIL STRESSED RESOURCES INTO PROGRAM BY LDC'S SHOULD BE ADDITIVE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP ETC.. INDIA, BRAZIL, AND SPEC AGENCIES REPS REITERATED PATEL CONCERN GO BEYOND MAKING AVAILABLE EXPERTS TO APPROACHING TRAINING AND RESEARCH ON BROADER THAN COUNTRY LEVELS. FAO REP NOTED SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF INTER-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAINING, BUT GENERALLY COMMENTS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY SPEAKERS NOT PROJECT-SPECIFIC. IN SUM, CONCURRENCE REAL POTENTIAL FOR INTER-REGIONAL, REGIONAL, AND SUB-REGIONAL APPROACHES AMONG LDC'S, BY FEELING WAY TO DEVISE MACHINERY AND FUNDING FOR THIS. IN CONCLUSION, DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING REGIONAL IPF'S AS COMPARED COUNTRY IPF'S NOTED BY IMCO REP, AND ADMITTED BY PATEL.

6. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUING 17 JULY WITH SOME MEMBERS OF WG EXPRESSING DESIRE FOR LESS STRUCTURED AND MORE INFORMAL FORUM ENABLE MEMBERS THEMSELVES FREER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND POSITIONS. BENNETT UNQUOTE RUSH

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